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ABSTRACT

By immersing young learners in the life and times of Shakespeare and his characters, this book motivates students and helps them learn. It contains everything teachers need to introduce elementary students to four plays: "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Macbeth," "Hamlet," and "Romeo and Juliet." For each play, there is a complete historical background, an introduction to the characters, a simple retelling of the story, a variety of activities that span the curriculum, verses for memorization, a complete script for class performance, and a list of resources. Geared to elementary grades, it can easily be adapted to the needs of older students. It begins with an introductory section that sets the stage, and it concludes with responses from parents and students about the activities in the book. (RS)

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